

ELL Network 2013-14

Agenda & Notes

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The ELL Network is a forum for southeast Nebraska district personnel to discuss issues related to the education of English Language Learners. These sessions are the primary means of sharing information throughout the ESU 6 Title III Consortium; however, a majority of our time is devoted to studying effective instruction, sharing and exploring resources, learning of updates from NDE, and networking with colleagues. We welcome all districts and personnel interested in English Language Learners, regardless of Title III affiliation or position.

April 30, 2014

12:30 - 3:00 pm

Nebraska City High School, Community Classroom

Attendees

Please add your name and district to the list!

- Jen Madison, ESU 4
- Jen Wickard, Crete
- Jenny Piening, Malcolm
- Ruth Merrett, Norris
- Salome Ausim-Dodge, Beatrice
- Michelle Dutton, Lewiston
- Connie Biaggio, Seward
- Ashleigh Lange, Nebraska City
- Melissa Kasuske, Waverly
- Mary Zach, Waverly
- Perla Jaimes, Crete
- Marta Calhoun, Nebraska City
- Sherry Runnels, Sacred Heart, Falls City
- Lisa Weber, Johnson County Central

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- Welcome, Agenda Overview, Introductions

- This Google doc agenda will also serve as our collaborative note taking space. Please help record ideas, information, and questions in a professional manner. After the meeting, Jen will finalize this document with our notes, and post it at <http://esu6ell.wikispaces.com/ELL+Network>.
- Participants introduced themselves and shared a success or a challenge.

- Strategy Study

- IES Practice Guide: *Teaching Academic Content and Literacy to English Learners in Elementary and Middle School*
 - <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/PracticeGuide.aspx?sid=19>
 - After a quick introduction of the document, each participant picked on of the four recommendations to read. Jen asked them to use the CSI Text Protocol to help provide purpose for reading and the small group discussion that followed.
 - C - Confirmation
 - S - Surprise
 - I - Insight
- On-Demand Resource Study (If you find a topic not applicable, please peruse the resources and share your findings!)
 - Brainstorm Topic
 - Develop a Research Question
 - Conduct Preliminary Investigation
 - <http://esu6ell.wikispaces.com/Resources>
 - If you find useful sources other than those listed on [our wikispace](#), please add the link in this document.
 - *Share your findings here...*

- NDE Updates, Q & A

- New ELP Standards (Jen Wickard)
 - <http://www.education.ne.gov/NATLORIGIN/ELPStandards.html>
 - In 2014-15, we will introduce and begin implementation of the new standards. The old ELL Guidelines are still available for 2014-15 as we will still be administering the ELDA in the Spring of 2015. After that, they will be retired.
 - A small group is currently being trained by NDE to help roll-out the new standards. Jen Wickard is in this group and will help us learn about the standards. In addition, they are creating videos to support our study.
 - This group recommended that we look at the standards throughout our ELL Network sessions in 2014-15 (rather than having a separate day, if possible).
- 2014-2015 Testing Dates
 - NeSA-Writing: January 19 – February 6, 2015
 - ELDA: February 9-March 20
 - NeSA-RMS: March 23 – May 1, 2015

- Rule 15 Check-up

- Jen facilitated reflection on the Rule 15 [Checklist \(Word\)](#), Section 3 for identifying students as LEP.
- Jen created an [LEP Identification Brochure \(draft\)](#) to help districts understand the necessary steps for LEP identification. It is a draft but may be used as helpful.

- Network & Discussion Items

- Add your discussion topics to this list. Please include your name.
- Spanish textbooks
 - A few people emailed prior to the session requesting information about textbooks for high school math and science in Spanish. Jen's inquiry through the contact list didn't yield results; however, one interesting resource is **CK12** <http://www.ck12.org/teacher/> . This resource offers open-source STEM digital text content (and includes Google translations tools).
- ESU World Language Cadre - Summer Event (Nick Ziegler, ESU 5; May 29-30, Lincoln)
 - https://drive.google.com/a/esu4.net/#folders/0B_vs_wwznWzIQkxrNGViRnNZaU0
- Stanford Understanding Language
 - "...a team from the [Understanding Language](#) initiative at Stanford University that includes Drs. Kenji Hakuta, Jeff Zwiers, and Sara Rutherford-Quach, launched their second set of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). These MOOCs cover similar material but are split into two separate courses, one designed for elementary educators (i.e. PreK-5 grades), [Constructive Classroom Conversations: Mastering Language for the Common Core State Standards \(Elementary\)](#) and the other targeted at secondary educators (i.e. 6-12 grades), [Constructive Classroom Conversations: Mastering Language for the Common Core State Standards \(Secondary\)](#). The courses focus specifically on how educators – and particularly educators of English language learners- can foster the kind of rigorous student-to-student academic discussions required by the Common Core State Standards. An original version of these courses was offered last fall, with more than 2,000 teachers actively participating. Potential participants should have access to a K-12 classroom, as the course assignments will require them to listen carefully to real conversations among their students, reflect upon this discourse, and plan instruction accordingly. Both courses are free of charge, but if a participant would like to receive continuing studies units from Stanford University for the course, he or she may pay a modest fee to do so."
- SERP Word Generation and ELL Companion Materials
 - This is a completely free set of materials for teaching and reinforcing general academic vocabulary. It now has companion materials for ELLS. It is worth a close look! Jen has all of the lessons downloaded, so contact her for more information.
 - <http://wordgen.serpmedia.org/>
 - <http://aala.serpmedia.org/>
- Potential 2014-15 ELL Network Dates (all locations and times TBA)
 - September 23, 2014
 - January 16, 2015
 - May 1, 2015
 - (Tentative ELDA Window: February 9 - March 20)
 - After brief discussion, the group present overwhelmingly suggested to have all three sessions in Lincoln for 2014-15. The times and specific locations will be announced next fall via the ELL Network group email
- Imagine Learning Update (new information 5.15.14)
 - Imagine Learning has a new component--the Action Areas Tool--that provides the teacher more

resources for helping students progress through trouble spots. Use of this tool requires a server update at ESU 6 which is planned for late May or early June. This update also requires some (fairly minor) action on the school machines using the program. Jen will send more information to folks soon.

- All Imagine Learning licenses will be renewed in May 2014. This renewal also provides a day of training. Scheduling is still being considered.

● ELL Tech Tools

- **English Monstruo** is a free app ([iPad](#) and [Android](#) versions available) containing eight games designed to help students learn verb conjugation. English Monstruo was developed by researchers at Cambridge University who examined the results of 200,000 exams to determine the words that give Spanish speakers the most difficulty when taking an English exam. The games in the English Monstruo app contain activities ranging from fill-in-the-blank to sorting words to replacing incorrect words with correct words. Each game has a series of levels to work through to earn points and unlock increasingly more difficult levels. To access all eight games a player needs to first earn the maximum points in the first six games in the app.
- **Phrasalstein**, developed at Cambridge University, is a great [iPad app](#) and [Android app](#) designed to help students learn the meanings of phrasal verbs. The app has a practice mode and a quiz mode. In the practice mode students select a verb and a preposition combination then see a short animation demonstration of the meaning of the chosen phrase. In the quiz mode students see an animation then have to select the matching phrase. Translations of the meanings are available in Spanish, German, Italian, Russian and French.
- [Lingua.ly](#) is a free Google Chrome extension designed to help you learn a new language while browsing the web. With Lingua.ly installed anytime that you come across a new word you can double-click on it to hear it pronounced, read a translation, and read a definition. The words that you double-click are added to your Lingua.ly account where you can review them in a quiz format.
- **CK12** <http://www.ck12.org/teacher/> (Jen) This resource offers open-source STEM digital text content (and includes translations tools).

● Title III Consortium Updates

- Grant Management: ESU 6 remains the fiscal agent of this grant, and Jen Madison remains the ESU 6 Title III LEP Consortium Coordinator. Jen's office, however, is now at ESU 4 in Auburn. Please continue to contact Jen with your Title III LEP and ELL related questions and needs!
 - The former ESU 6 Grants Manager, Kelly Riley, resigned to work in a family business. Michelle Hatfield will be the new ESU 6 Accounting Clerk (mhatfield@esu6.net).
- Online IPT Update
 - ESUs 4, 5, and 6 have funded the updated IPT! The initial purchase (\$1,226.60) includes K-12 Oral, Reading and Writing components, some of which are administered online.
 - ESU 4 will house, manage, and distribute the assessments
 - Cost: \$20 per battery per student (includes reading, writing, oral; initial postage)
 - In May and again in the fall, Jen will communicate how to obtain the test when needed.
- Budget Update
 - Some 12-13 carryover remains available. Please ask your district to submit reimbursement requests soon!
- UPDATED [Reimbursement Forms](#) (active link)
 - Request for Reimbursement--District (Use when the district incurs the expense, e.g., substitute pay).

- Request for Reimbursement--Individual (Use when an individual incurs the expense, e.g., mileage with a personal vehicle.)
 - Resources
 - Rosetta Stone (renewed 30 licenses for 2014-15)
 - Imagine Learning
 - *We have lots of resources in the library! Contact Jen (jmadison@esu4.net) to borrow a resource! Jen will work on an online system to make finding resources a bit easier!*
 - **Ignite Sessions**
 - *Ignite us with an idea! Take up to five minutes to share a strategy, resource, or idea that is effective for you!*
 - **3:00 Close & Adjourn**
 - Please complete the Event Survey for today!
 - **Next Steps**
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